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SUBJECT: AUGUST 26 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. SECSTATE'S VISIT TO CHINA

WIDE COVERAGE SECSTATE CHINA VISIT CONTINUES BUT REPORTS
LESS SUBSTANTIVE/MORE RE WHO SEC MET DURING VISIT. WP, NYT
CARRY DIFFERENT AP PIX VANCE/HUA KUO-FENG. WSTAR HAS AP
PIX VANCE/TENG HSIAO-PING.
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REUTER, PHING/UPI BALTO NA, WSTAT/AP, NYDN/MORITZ, CSM RE-
PORT ON 8/25 PRESS CONF CAPPING 4 DAYS US/PRC TALKS AT WHICH
VANCE SAID VISIT PRODUCED "GREATER UNDERSTANDING" OVER
PROBLEMS NORMALIZATION THO TAIWAN ISSUE STILL REMAINS DEAD-
LOCKED. "DODGING AS MANY QUESTIONS AS HE ANSWERED," A
"WEARY" SECSTATE SUMMED UP TALKS AS VERY GOOD/USEFUL/IN-
STRUCTIVE. PRC DESCRIBED TALKS AS "SIGNIFICANT," A TERM
REPORTED TO PUZZLE US OFFICIALS. AT EARLIER BANQUET
FON MIN HUANG HUA SAID US/PRC RELS WILL "SURELY MOVE FORWARD
STEADILY" AS LONG AS BOTH PARTIES ABIDE BY PRINCIPLES

SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. PRIOR TO BANQUET VANCE HAD "UNUSUALLY WARM" MTG W/CHMN HUA JUO-FENG WHO ACKNOWLEDGED APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

VANCE ARRIVED IN TOKYO TODAY TO BRIEF GOJ ON CHINA TALKS. AT 8/25 NEWS CONF HE ANNOUNCED EA'S HOLBROOKE WOULD VISIT SK/TAIWAN FOR SIMILAR BRIEFINGS.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) SAYS IN TALKS W/VANCE, HUA STRESSED PRC, LIKE US, REGARDED MISSION AS "EXPLORATORY." THO BOTH SIDES SAW VISIT AS "USEFUL," UNLIKELY ANY PROGRESS MADE ON TAIWAN ISSUE. NCNA DESCRIBED VANCE'S EARLIER MTG W/TENG AS SERIOUS/CANDID, WHICH, ACCORDING PRC SOURCE, WAS RANKED LOW ON LIST OF DIPL NICETIES.

MATHEWS (WP) REPORTS DURING HUA MEETING, VANCE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION ON CHINESE ATTITUDE ON CONTINUATION US ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN IF US BREAKS W/ROC. VANCE DECLINED GIVE SPECIFICS ABOUT ANY DISCUSSIONS.

TREWHITT (SUN) REPORTS VANCE EXPECTS TO MEET AGAIN W/ UNCLASSIFIED

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HUANG HUA IN US NEXT MONTH DURING UNGA SESSIONS.

KEATLEY (WSJ) STATES BOTH SIDES END TALKS W/DELIBERATE AMBIQUITY ABOUT WHAT PROGRESS MADE TOWARD IMPROVING RELS. IMPRESSION IS NEITHER SIDE FEELS GREAT URGENCY ABOUT CHANGING STATUS QUO. VANCE INDICATED CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS CHINESE POSITION ON TAIWAN BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE. KEATLEY BELIEVES POSSIBLE PRC MAY LATER SHOW FLEXIBILITY ON US/TAIWAN TIES.

REUTER, NYT/NYDN REPORT WH'S POWELL ADVISED REPORTERS PRESIDENT BELIEVES PRC LEADERS TOOK "CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE" DURING VANCE MISSION/LEADERS DEMONSTRATED PRC INTEREST IN EXPANDING BILATERAL RELS W/US.

REUTER (TAIWAN) CHARACTERIZES MOOD IN TAIWAN AS ONE OF "CONCERN/BUT NOT PANIC" REGARDING VANCE CHINA MISSION. SAYS ROC CONFIDENT US PUBLIC OPINION WILL RESIST ANY SPLIT BETW US/ROC.

2. CHINA

WILLIS (CSM) AT MOSCOW REPORTS USSR IN EFFECT SAYING TO US/COMMUNISTS AROUND WORLD/REST OF ASIA THAT ANY TILT TOWARD PEKING IS UNFRIENDLY ACT DANGEROUS TO WORLD PEACE. SAYS THIS SEEMS MAIN MESSAGE IN KREMLIN'S LATEST BLAST AT POST-MAO CHINA. ADDS W ANALYSTS SEE MOSCOW WORRIED IN LONG RUN RE PROSPECT CLOSER US-PRC COOPERATION.

BARMASH (NYT) SAYS NEXT MO'S US VISIT BY HI-RANKING TRADE MISSION INDICATES PRC EAGER ACQUIRE US TECHNOLOGY.

DALAI LAMA IN INDIA CALLS FOR INTLLY SUPERVISED PLEBISCITE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TIBETANS REALLY WANT CONTINUED PRC RULE. ADDS FIGHTING/SABOTAGE THAT PERSIST THERE INDICATE PEOPLE "UNHAPPY IN CAPTIVITY" (NYT).

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TAIWAN METHODISTS BREAK TIES W/US UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES DUE CHURCH AGENCY'S CALL FOR SEVERING US RELS W/TAIWAN/RECOGNITION PRC (RNS, WP).

3. KOREA

SUZI PARK THOMSON TELLS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ALLEGED SK PAYMENTS TO CONGRESSMEN; ADDS HOUSE SPKR ALBERT MET TONGSUN PARK ONLY TWICE. CLAIMS NONE OF PARTIES SHE GAVE FOR CONGRESSMEN/US/SK OFFICIALS WAS PAID FOR BY SK (WSJ; AP, SUN; VOLZ, NYDN; THOMAS, NYT).

MRS THOMSON TESTIFIED DUE THREAT CONTEMPT-OF-CONGRESS CITATION (TAYLOR, WSTAR 8/25). STUART (CSM) SEES SIGNS INVESTIGATION "GEARING INTO FASTER ACTION" W/SUZI'S APPEARANCE/JAWORSKI'S APPOINTMENT/SENATE STARTING OWN PROBE.

4. PHILIPPINES

POLICE BREAK UP MANILA DEMONSTRATION BY OVER 2,000 PROTESTING ALLEGED HUMAN RTS ABUSES BY MARCOS GOVT (UPI, NYDN; WIDEMAN, WP; AP, NYT). DEMONSTRATORS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED HOLD SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN RTS AT RC SCHOOL, BUT BEGAN MARCHING WHEN MINISTER EDUCATION ORDERED MTG CANCELED (WIDEMAN; AP, NYT). DEMONSTRATION CAME ON EVE CLOSING CEREMONIES FOR WORLD LAW CONF; 4 US DELEGATES PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION (AP, NYT).

5. MALAYSIA

LORENZ (JOC) REVIEWS PROBLEMS PLAGUING TIN INDUSTRY.

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NOTES 4-YR DECLINE IN MALAYSIAN PRODUCTION CAUSES ALARM OVER IMPORTANT EXPORT COMMODITY.

6. BURMA

CABINET REPORT SAYS BURMESE TROOPS/POLICE DESTROYED

16,000 ACRES ILLEGALLY GROWN OPIUM-PRODUCING POPPIES IN
1ST 6 MOS THIS YR. EARLIER THIS WK IN BIGGEST HAUL IN
GOVT'S CURRENT ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM, OFFICERS SEIZED
1,485 LBS DRUGS/COLLECTION ARMS AT TACHLEK ON THAI
BORDER (REUTER RANGOON).

7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

PRODDER BY US/UNHCR, JAPAN CONSIDERING LIBERALIZING
RESTRICTIVE POLICIES TOWARD ACCEPTING REFUGEES FROM SRV
WHO ARRIVE JAPAN PORTS AFTER RESCUED AT SEA. BUT FOR
MIN/IMMIGRATION SAY CHANGE WILL BE SLOW. JAPAN NOW
REQUIRES COUNTRY IN WHICH SHIP OWNED OR REGISTERED
GUARANTEE RESETTLING REFUGEES IF NO OTHER COUNTRY WILL
ACCEPT THEM BEFORE ALLOWING REFUGEES LAND. THIS CAUSES
2-WK DELAYS DURING WHICH RESCUING SHIP IMMOBILIZED.
JAPAN HAS ACCEPTED 606 SRV REFUGEES, SHELTERED BY PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS. DESPITE POSITION AS ASIA'S WEALTHIEST
NATION, NO GOVT AID PROVIDED REFUGEES AT THIS TIME
(KAMM, NYT).

8. JAPAN

MILLIONS OF YEN WORTH COUNTERFEIT BANK OF TOKYO TRAVELERS
CHECKS BEING PASSED IN EUR/ASIA NOW TURNING UP IN US.
OVER 90,000 DOLS WORTH DISCOVERED SINCE 8/7 (WP).

9. AUSTRALIA

REUTER'S BATCHELOR (CANBERRA 8/25; IN NYT/EXCERPTED
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IN WP) DOES ITEM ON GOA DECISION ALLOW URANIUM MINING/EX-
PORT. NOTES DECISION HOTLY CONTESTED BY NUKE ENERGY
FOES--INCL LABOR PARTY--WHICH MEANS GOA MUST WRITE MINING
CONTRACTS TO GIVE MAX SECURITY AGAINST POSSIBLE REPUDI-
ATION SHOULD LABOR GAIN POWER IN NEXT ELECTION. OVER
1,000 DEMONSTRATORS AGAINST URANIUM MINING GATHERED
OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT 8/25 TO HEAR LABOR DEP UREN DENOUNCE
POLICY/SAY FIGHT AGAINST IT HAD ONLY JUST BEGUN.

MILLAR (CSM) ADDS OBSERVERS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN SPECULATING
THAT DECISION MAY BRING ON NEW NATL ELECTION. AS MINING
GETS UNDERWAY, CHANCES ARE OPPOSITION WILL INCREASE
IN STRENGTH, AND SOME FEAR PHYSICAL DISRUPTION MINING
PROCESSES. WSJ REPORTS AFTER GOA ANNOUNCEMENT, TASS
QUICKLY DENOUNCED DECISION, DESPITE FRASER'S PROMISE
FOR "STRICTER AND MORE VIGOROUS" SAFEGUARDS THAN ADOPTED
BY ANY COUNTRY TO DATE.

WILLIAMS (REUTER SYDNEY) SAYS AUSTRALIAN TRADE UNIONS
LEADER HAWKE 8/26 CALLED FOR REFERENDUM ON DECISION

WHICH WOULD ALLOW FULL PUBLIC DEBATE ON ISSUE HE SEES AS THREATENING SPLIT BOTH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT/AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE. HIS PROPOSALS BACKED BY WATERSIDE WORKERS FEDRN/ SEAMAN'S UNION.

IN WASHINGTON, "CRITICAL MASS ENERGY PROJECT"--ANTI-NUKE ENERGY GROUP AFFILIATED W/CONSUMER ADVOCATE NADER--TERMED DECISION "REGRETTABLE"/CALLED FOR HALT IN NUKE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN FAVOR SOLAR ENERGY (REUTER 8/25).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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WSTAR OLIPHANT CARTOON SHOWS VANCE/US OFFICIAL LEAVING "CHINA RESTUARANT" SAYING "FUNNY--I FEEL LIKE I HAVEN'T EATEN A THING;" -

CSM PELLEY CARTOON SHOWS VANCE AT WH PRESENTING PRES W/BIRD IN CAGE LABELED "FORMOSA NORMALIZATION." VANCE TELLS PRES "IT'S THE PRESENT FROM THE CHINESE. THEY TOLD ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU."

11. KOREA

CSM APPLAUDS JAWORSKI TAKING CHARGE HOUSE ETHICS CMTE PROBE. REVIEWS COMPLEXITIES/PROBLEMS OF CASE.

12. KOREA/CHINA

IN COLUMN CRITICAL OF ADMIN'S NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING, EVANS/NOVAK MENTION, INTER ALIA, CONTRADICTIONARY REPORTS ON EFFECTS TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK GIVEN BY CIA'S TURNER, DOS' HABIB/JCS' BROWN; LACK COORDINATION ON PRESS BRIEFING ON VANCE CHINA TRIP. ON LATTER POINT, SAY EA'S HOLBROOKE BRIEFED PRESS W/WH OK, BUT NEXT DAY NSC'S BRZEZINSKI SUMMONED DOZEN REPORTERS FOR "WORLDWIDE" BRIEFING THAT TURNED OUT BE 2ND VANCE-TO-CHINA ANALYSIS.

13. CHINA

CDN (8/24) FINDS NEW WINDS OVER CHINA W/NEW LEADERSHIP CONFIRMED BY 11TH CP CONGRESS; SAYS SECSTATE TESTING "UNCERTAIN TEMPERATURE." BELIEVES NEW LEADERSHIP TAKING PRAGMATIC STANCE THAT SUBORDINATES IDEOLOGY; OPINES MAY TAKE HEAT OFF US FOR FULL DIPL RELS/BREAK W/TAIWAN. POINTS TO PRC ANTAGONISM TO USSR; ADDS SOVIETS DON'T HAVE MODERN EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY SAVVY PRC NEEDS.

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MATHEWS (WP) DOES "LETTER" FROM PEKING DESCRIBING
ATMOSPHERICS/RECOUNTING VIGNETTES INTERESTING INCIDENTS
DURING VISIT.

BUCKLEY (WSTAR 8/25) DOES CRITICAL PIECE ON LACK
DIRECTION PRES CARTER'S COURSE. AMONG OTHER POINTS, STATES
PRES CRITICIZES USSR ON HUMAN RTS BUT LEAVES CHINA
"UNTOUCHED." CHRISTOPHER

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